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SUBJECT: SIXTY-SIXTH MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS
WITH HOST COUNTRY - JULY 15, 1977

1. SUMMARY: SIXTY-SIXTH MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH HOST COUNTRY TOOK PLACE JULY 15, 1977 AND CONSIDERED COMPLAINTS OF YUGOSLAVIA, SOVIET UNION, AND FRANCE. SPEECHES WERE POLITE IN LOW KEY. US STATEMENT MAINTAINED SAME MODERATE TONE. END SUMMARY

2. SIXTY-SIXTH MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH HOST COUNTRY WAS HELD JULY 15, 1977. MEETING WAS CALLED AT REQUEST OF YUGOSLAV MISSION TO DEAL WITH SECURITY OF MISSIONS AND SAFETY OF THEIR PERSONNEL. AGENDA INCLUDED:

(1) YUGOSLAV COMPLAINT CONCERNING JUNE 14, 1977 INVASION OF THEIR MISSION BY CROAT TERRORISTS.

(2) SOVIET COMPLAINT CONCERNING JULY 7, 1977 ATTACK ON COUNSELOR-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MILITARY ADVISER COL VALDIMIR CHERNYSHEV.

(3) FRENCH COMPLAINT CONCERNING SIT-IN AT THEIR MISSION ON JAN 10, 1977.

LETTERS FROM TUNISIAN AND DEMOCRATIC YEMEN MISSION APPEARED ON AGENDA , BUT WERE NOT CONSIDERED, AND NO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THOSE COUNTRIES

ATTENDED. MEETING WAS OPENED BY CHAIRMAN, AMB ROSSIDES (CYPRUS), WHO IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT SET THE TONE OF MEETING, ONE OF MODERATION, BY MENTIONING THAT ONLY ONE MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH HOST COUNTRY HAD BEEN CALLED FOR YEAR 1977, WHICH SEEMED INDICATE ABSENCE OF SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY.

3. FIRST SPEAKER WAS DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE DZEVAD MUJEZINOVIC REPRESENTING YUGOSLAV MISSION. MUJEZINOVIC RECOUNTED EVENTS AT HIS MISSION ON JUNE 14 AND MADE USUAL REFERENCES TO ANTI-YUGOSLAV TERRORISTS AND INCLUDED A PLEA THAT HOST COUNTRY AFFORD YUGOSLAV MISSION AND ITS PERSONNEL GREATER PROTECTION FROM TERRORISTS. MUJEZINOVIC MADE ONLY BRIEF MENTION TO ALLOWING BAIL FOR TERRORISTS BUT MADE COMPARISON WITH CROAT HIJACKERS WHO WERE HELD WITHOUT BAIL. MUJEZINOVIC'S STATEMENT WAS FAIRLY BRIEF AND BY COMPARISON WITH YUGOSLAV RHETORIC THUS FAR CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT WAS DEFINITELY LOW-KEY.

4. SECOND SPEAKER WAS COUNSELOR DMITRI BYKOV REPRESENTATING SOVIET MISSION. MAJOR PORTION OF BYKOV'S STATEMENT WAS IN SUPPORT OF YUGOSLAV COMPLAINT, WHICH HE REVIEWED IN DETAIL. HE THEN REFERRED TO JULY 7 INCIDENT AT SOVIET MISSION WHEN SEVERAL RABBIS AND CLERGYMEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTEMPTED TO HANDCUFF THEMSELVES TO FENCE AT SOVIET MISSION. BYKOV FINALLY MENTIONED INCIDENT CONCERNING COL CHERNYSHEV WHICH WAS VERY BRIEF AND IN WHICH HE RECOUNTED ONLY FACTS OF CASE, WITHOUT PARTICULAR COMMENT. COMPARED TO USUAL SOVIET STATEMENTS IN THIS COMMITTEE, BYKOV'S WAS VERY MODERATE.

5. PRESENTATION BY FRENCH CONSISTED OF FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF SIT-IN AT FRENCH MISSION JAN 11, 1977. AS EXPECTED, HIS POINT OF COMPLAINT WAS REFUSAL OF NEW YORK POLICE TO IMMEDIATELY REMOVE DEMONSTRATORS FROM OFFICES OF FRENCH MISSION. THIS PRESENTATION WAS ALSO MADE IN A MODERATE LOW-KEY MANNER.

6. AFTER OTHER MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE EXPRESSED REGRETS AND SUPPORT FOR YUGOSLAV AND SOVIET COMPLAINTS, US RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM UK, CANADA, AND COSTA RICA.

7. AMB LEONARD REPRESENTATING US REPONDED TO ALL THREE COMPLAINTS. HE MAINTAINED THE SAME MODERATE TONE THAT CHARACTERIZED REMARKS OF PREVIOUS SPEAKERS. LEONARD ALSO REFERRED TO FACT THERE HAD NOT BEEN NEED FOR A HOST COUNTRY MEETING DURING FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1977 WHICH

HE THOUGH AUGERED WELL FOR STATE OF DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY IN NEW YORK.
HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OF HOST COUNTRY FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY OF UN
MISS-
IONS AND THEIR PERSONNEL AND PLEDGED FULL SUPPORT OF USG TOWARDS MAIN-

TAINING AND IMPROVING THAT PROTECTION. LEONARD REGRETTED JUNE 14 IN-
CIDENT AT YUGOSLAV MISSION AND EXPRESSED SYMPATHY AND HOPES FOR FULL
RECOVERY OF YUGOSLAV NATIONAL WHO WAS WOUNDED AND HOSPITALIZED.

LEONARD

REFERRED TO ARRESTS OF TERRORISTS BY NEW YORK CITY POLICE AND
UPCOMING

TRIALS IN FEDERAL AND STATE COURTS. HE SAID HE EXPECTED TERRORISTS
WOULD BE PUNISHED TO EXTENT OUR LAW ALLOWS. IN HIS STATEMENT,
AMB LEONARD TOOK EXCEPTION TO QUESTIONING OF LEGALITY OF BAIL
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SETTING IN TERRORIST CASE AND COMPARISON BY YUGOSLAV TO TWA HI-
JACKING. AMB LEONARD DEFENDED OUR COURT SYSTEM AND CORRECTED COMPAR-
ISON OF TWO INCIDENTS, POINTING OUT THAT IN HIJACKING CASE, A POLICE
OFFICER WAS MURDERED WHILE IN MOST RECENT INCIDENT, ALTHOUGH A
YUGOSLAV NATIONAL HAD BEEN WOUNDED, FORTUNATELY HE WAS RECOVERING
AND MURDER WAS NOT INVOLVED. AMB LEONARD STRESSED THAT BAIL HAD NOT
BEEN MET AND THREE TERRORISTS STILL IN PRISON.

8. IN REPLY TO SOVIET COMPLAINT, AMB LEONARD REGRETTED INCIDENT AND
EXTENDED SYMPATHY TO COL CHERNYSHEV. HE REMINDED SOVIETS (1) OF THEIR
FAILURE TO PROMPTLY REPORT INCIDENT, (2) FAILURE TO GRANT US POLICE
AND
INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITIES TIMELY ACCESS TO VICTIM SO THAT A PROPER
INVESTIGATION COULD BE INITIATED WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME.

9. CONCERNING FRENCH COMPLAINT, AMB LEONARD EXPLAINED DIFFICULTY
ENCOUNTERED WITH SIT-INS WHEN THEIR PROMPT REMOVAL IS DEMANDED. HE
EXPLAINED NEED FOR A COMPLAINANT UNDER NEW YORK STATE LAWS AND SAID
US
MISSION WAS EXPLORING WITH BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES WAYS OF
OVERCOMING THIS REQUIREMENT.

10. MEETING ENDED WHEN SPECIFIC WORDING OF RESOLUTION PREPARED BY
CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO US. RESOLUTION CONDEMNED
TERRORIST ATTACK ON YUGOSLAV MISSION AND ATTACK ON SOVIET DIPLOMAT
AND
URGED HOST COUNTRY TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO PREVENT SUCH OCCUR-
RENCES. A SECOND MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND WORDING OF RESOLUTION
WILL AGAIN BE CONSIDERED.

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